Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, Stolen Honor, days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair is suffocating journalism and democracy itself.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is thus obligated by law to serve the public interest. This company is violating the fairness doctrine in every way.

When large companies like Sinclair control the airwaves, viewers get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you. Joanne Parrent